

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 25 Apr 2022 at 16:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally settled weather for the forecast period with high pressure over Scotland but cloud amounts remain tricky to forecast.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Apr 2022: A cloudy start, cloud thinning with some bright spells later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Dull	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Tuesday 26 Apr 2022

Weather: Low cloud and some mist overnight, cloud becoming thick enough to produce a little drizzle at first, mainly for the Lochaber ranges. By dawn it will be quite dull with a lot of cloud but this will slowly lift and thin with some bright spells by late morning. Some areas may see the cloud breaking quite nicely to give a bright or sunny day but cloud will be more persistent for other ranges which have more exposure to the northerly winds, for instance the ranges around Crianlarich, summits will clear but cloud may not break very easily.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% improving to 90%, some early low cloud in the morning will lift and thin during the day.

Low Cloud and visibility: At dawn cloud bases will be scattered or broken above 600m, perhaps more scattered at 700m further south and west of the area towards the Island ranges and Arrochar hills. Cloud will lift and clear with just patches of lower cloud above 700m in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	10/13 E	11/14 E	12/16 NE	13/17 NE	11/15 NE	12/16 NE	13/18 NE	12/16 E	9/11 E
900	11/14 E	11/14 E	11/15 E	12/15 NE	9/13 NE	9/13 NE	10/13 NE	12/16 SE	9/12 SE
600	14/20 E	12/16 E	12/15 NE	13/17 NE	11/15 NE	12/16 NE	14/19 NE	7/10 E	4/6 SE
300	4/6 N	3/5 N	6/10 NE	8/12 NE	9/13 NE	9/14 NE	11/17 NE	5/9 NE	6/12 E
Glen	9/17 NE	7/14 NE	8/15 NE	8/13 NE	8/12 NE	8/13 NE	9/17 NE	8/15 E	3/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-5	-1/-6	-2/-7	-2/-8	-1/-6	1/-4	1/-4	-1/-6	-2/-6
900	1/-3	0/-4	1/-4	2/-2	4/0	5/2	5/1	2/-2	0/-4
600	4/0	4/0	3/-1	4/-0	5/2	7/4	6/3	5/3	3/2
300	6/5	5/4	5/3	7/4	9/6	10/8	9/7	8/6	6/4
Glen	7/5	7/4	7/5	10/8	12/10	13/11	11/10	9/7	7/6
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1000m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Notice the lowering of freezing level towards the highest munro summits and also the freezing of remaining snow pack on the higher munros like Ben Nevis and Aonach Mor leading to potentially icy conditions. A significant windchill will be experienced at height in the morning and it may be deceptively warm in the sunshine at lower levels.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Weather: A very cold start to the day but generally a very settled day with light winds. Bright or sunny spells are expected but it may be a cloudy start particularly around in the east.

Maximum wind: Mainly northerly 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60 rising to 90%, early low cloud is likely to lift and clear away.

Low Cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud from 700m initially will lift and become patchy, perhaps just patches of cloud around 800m in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero rising to Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 rising to Plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 900m rising to 1200m later.